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SUBJ: CANADA DECIDES TO GO AHEAD WITH LRPA

1. CANADIAN CABINET DECIDED EARLY THIS AFTERNOON TO APPROVE PURCHASE OF THE LRPA.
2. DEFINITIVE ANNOUNCEMENT WILL NOT COME FOR SEVERAL DAYS, UNTIL THE BANKS WILL HAVE TIME TO VERIFY DOCUMENTATION. A SHORT EXTENSION OF 3 TO 5 DAYS OF THE LOCKHEED OFFER BEYOND ITS EXPIRY APRIL 30 MAY BE NECESSARY TO COMPLETE THE DEAL. ONCE THE BANKS ARE READY TO SIGN, THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT WILL MAKE AN ANNOUNCEMENT IN COMMONS.
3. DEFMIN RICHARDSON DID TELL REPORTERS TODAY "BASICALLY WE ARE GOING AHEAD, BUT THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT IS NOT READY TO MAKE A FORMAL ANNOUNCEMENT AND ASKS US NOT TO COME OUT AHEAD OF THEM. ENDERS

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